



February Tech News

Resources for African-American History Month

- 1) Information from the Library of Congress. <http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2012/01/preparing-for-african-american-history-month-ways-of-honoring-heroes/>
- 2) <http://www.thegrio.com/black-history/> The Grio (NBC News site) is highlighting 100 individuals impacting their world today. One of those highlighted is from Erie, PA. Years ago a parent told me they wished that Black History Month put more of a focus on the everyday person. Here is that focus.
- 3) <http://www.thinkfinity.org/> Always a great place for all kinds of resources. They have a special section this month.

National Digital Learning Day

Wednesday, February 1, was National Digital Learning Day. The day was designated as a day to build awareness of the use of educational technology. The resources are still available and recordings of the webinars have been archived at <http://www.digitallearningday.org/>.



Computational Thinking

The International Society for Technology in Education and the Computer Science Teachers Association are working to develop content in computational thinking, the skill of using digital tools to solve problems. Learn more at <http://www.iste.org/learn/computational-thinking.aspx>

Last Call – Act 48 Activity Evaluations

If you did not complete an online evaluation for the January 16th Act 80 Day please go to <http://www.fasd.k12.pa.us/5885701013115829/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=56051> and click on the session you attended. You must complete an evaluation to receive Act 48 credits for the afternoon.

Web Tools



SignUpGenius – www.signupgenius.com

This website is a “teacher helper”. It can be used to manage anything where people will be signing up. In the elementary schools think parent volunteers, contributions to a celebration lunch, parent conferences, etc.

With older students; sign-ups for projects, scheduling after-school activities/tutoring, and events held by student government or clubs. The site is free, will email reminders, and is customizable.



TurningPoint AnyWhere

Teachers at Central requested training on this tool. We will be getting together at Central Elementary to learn more about this online version of TurningPoint; a great formative assessment tool that allows teachers to poll with verbal or written questions anytime they are projecting a lesson or have a website open. If you would like to join us Feb 7, 8, or 9 at CE or would like to schedule your own training please email me at blacka@fasd.k12.pa.us